

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 16-24 are indicated as allowed. Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-15 were rejected over prior art. Claims 2 and 12 were objected to, but indicated as allowable if rewritten.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and, pursuant to the amendments herein asserts that the case is now in an entirely allowable form.

REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over a plurality of different references in various different combinations. While the Applicant asserts that such references, in combination, do not teach or render obvious the invention as recited in the pending rejected claims, the Applicant has included allowable subject matter into claim 1 and thus asserts that independent claim is in allowable form. Furthermore, the dependent claims would also be in allowable form, based upon their dependency from claim 1 and also based upon the fact that they recite a unique combination of elements not taught by the cited art.

Specifically, claim 1 recites that a plurality of the apertures have a pentagonal shaped base and are arranged in hexagonal groupings. Such limitations were set forth in claim 12 as originally pending. The Applicant asserts that claims 1-10 and 13-15 are now in an allowable form. Claims 11 and 12 have been canceled.

Applicant submits that all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action have been addressed. The Applicant, therefore, requests a Notice of Allowability of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If any issues remain

in the case which might be handled in an expedited fashion, such as through a telephone call, the Examiner is certainly encouraged to telephone the Applicant's representative.

Applicant requests one-month extension of time for submission of this Response herein, and includes a check for the \$55.00 fee. Applicant knows of no other fees due herein with this submission. However, if any charges or credits are necessary, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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